

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims 1. (Withdrawn) An information providing system comprising:

a server;  
a portable information equipment capable of two-way communication with the server, the portable information equipment having a first display portion; and  
a display device for receiving information sent by the server, the display device having a second display portion,  
wherein the server comprises:  
a database;  
means for receiving a search signal sent from the portable information equipment;  
means for receiving signals relating to entity identification of the portable information equipment and of the display device;  
means for conducting a search on the database based on the search signal;  
means for sending information obtained by the search to the display device; and  
means for charging an information provision fee to the portable information equipment,  
and  
wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

2. (Withdrawn) An information providing system comprising:

a server;  
a portable information equipment capable of two-way communication with the server, the portable information equipment having a first display portion; and  
a display device for receiving information sent by the server, the display device having a second display portion,  
wherein the display device has means for generating a sound signal capable of identifying the entity,

wherein the portable information equipment has means for hearing the sound signal and sending the sound signal to the server,

wherein the server has means for identifying the display device through the sound signal sent from the portable information equipment, and

wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Withdrawn) An information providing system comprising:

a server;

a portable information equipment capable of two-way communication with the server, the portable information equipment having a first display portion; and

a display device for receiving information sent from the server, the display device having a second display portion,

wherein the display device has means for sensing a search signal and electromagnetic waves other than the search signal, which are sent by the portable information equipment, and

wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

5. (Withdrawn) An information providing system comprising:

a server having a database;

a portable information equipment capable of two-way communication with the server, the portable information equipment having a first display portion; and

a display device for receiving information sent by the server, the display device having a second display portion,

wherein the portable information equipment sends a search signal to the server,

wherein the server conducts a search on the database based on the search signal and sends information obtained by the search to the display device,

wherein the display device displays the information on the second display portion of the display device, and

wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

6. (Currently Amended) An information providing system comprising:

a first server for obtaining information from a database managed by a second server;

a portable information equipment capable of two-way communication with the first server, the portable information equipment having a first display portion; and

a display device for receiving information from the first server, the display device having a second display portion,

wherein the portable information equipment sends a search signal to the first server,

wherein the first server sends the search signal to the second server and conducts a search to the database managed by the second server based on the search signal, receives information obtained by the search from the second server, and sends the information to the display device, wherein the display device displays the information on the second display portion of the display device, [[and]]

wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation, and

wherein the display device has a unit for detecting an electromagnetic wave sent from the portable information equipment.

7. (Withdrawn) An information providing method comprising the steps of:

sending, by a portable information equipment having a first display portion, an identification signal of a display device having a second display portion and an identification signal of the portable information equipment to a server;

verifying, by the server, the identification signal of the display device and the identification signal of the portable information equipment;

conducting, by the server, a search on a database and sending information obtained by the search to the display device;

displaying, by the display device, the information sent from the server on the second display portion of the display device,  
wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the display device is disposed at a place that can be seen by an unspecified number of the general public.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, further comprising a step of:  
receiving, by the display device, the information sent from the server through a line.

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, further comprising a step of:  
receiving, by the display device, information sent from the server via a satellite.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, further comprising a step of:  
displaying, by the display device, information selected from information delivered by a news agency, a newspaper publishing company or a broadcasting station.

15. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 14, further comprising a step of:  
displaying, by the display device, on the same screen the delivered information and the information obtained by the search on the database, for a programmed period of time or at a time when the server performs an operation.

16-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) An information providing method, comprising the steps of:  
sending, by a portable information equipment having a first display portion, an identification signal of a display device having a second display portion and an identification signal of the portable information equipment to a first server;  
verifying, by the first server, the identification signal of the display device and the identification signal of the portable information equipment;  
sending, by the portable information equipment, a search signal to the first server;  
communicating, by the first server, with a second server;  
sending, by the first server, the search signal to the second server;  
conducting a search on a database managed by the second server based on the search signal;  
~~receiving-sending~~ information obtained by the search from the second server to the first server;  
sending the information from the first server to the display device; and  
displaying, by the display device, the information on the second display portion of the display device,  
wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation, and  
wherein the display device has a unit for detecting an electromagnetic wave sent from the portable information equipment.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the display device is disposed at a place that can be seen by an unspecified number of the general public.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a step of:  
receiving, by the display device, the information sent from the first server through a line.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a step of: receiving, by the display device, information sent from the first server via a satellite.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Original) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a step of: displaying, by the display device, information selected from information delivered by a news agency, a newspaper publishing company or a broadcasting station.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 31, further comprising a step of: displaying, by the display device, on the same screen the delivered information and the information obtained by the search on the database, for a programmed period of time or at a time when the server performs an operation.

33. (Withdrawn) An information providing method comprising the step of: sending, by a server, a commercial advertisement or a public service announcement stored in a database to a display device having a first display portion; and displaying the commercial advertisement or the public service announcement on the first display portion of the display device when the server does not receive a search signal from a portable information equipment having a second display portion, wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

34. (Withdrawn) An information providing method comprising a step of: sending a signal to a server by a portable information equipment having a first display portion; storing information from a sponsor in a database of the server;

sending the information to a display device having a second display portion, for providing the information to an unspecified number of the general public by the server; and  
charging to the sponsor for using the information providing method,  
wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

35. (Withdrawn) An information providing method comprising a step of:  
sending, by a portable information equipment having a first display portion, a search signal to a server;  
conducting a search of a database of the server based on the search signal;  
sending information obtained by the search to a display device having a second display portion from the server; and  
displaying the information on the second display portion of the display device,  
wherein the portable information equipment is capable of two-way communication with the server, and  
wherein the display device is mounted on means for transportation.

36. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 1, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

37. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 2, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 4, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

40. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 5, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

41. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 6, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

42. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

45. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 33, wherein the means for transportation is one selected from the group consisting of a bus, a taxi, a train and a boat.

46-49. (Canceled)